There are in Brittany at this time 1675 men , with Sir John Norns 722, and with Sir Henry Norris 540, and Captain Anthony Shirley 413

ist July RUMOURS

Sir John Norns was reported to have received a blow and his brother to be slam, but later letters show that thcie have been several skirmishes but no fight The Earl of Essex is now to go to France, although the Queen was long unwilling, and his friends in England advised him to the contrary, wishing him rather to seek a domestical greatness like his father-in-law, but the Earl is impatient of the slow process he must needs have during the life and greatness of the Chancellor and the Lord Treasurer

$ib July THE WAR IN BRITTANY

After winning the town of Gumgcamp, the purpose of the Pnnce de Dombes was to have assailed the town of Morlaix and to bring the rest of lower Bnttany to the King's obedience , but, learning that the Duke Mercury, commanding the French rebels in those parts, had joined with 4000 Spanish, and was marching towards Morlaix by way of Corlay, he considered that it would be most dangerous to engage his army before the town until he had made himself master of the field, especially as the enemy were of greater strength, and he was in an unfriendly country where there were many peasants, armed and hostile Accord-ingly he stayed at Guingcamp to repair the fortifications and the breach made by our artillery, and also to await the coming of two cannon and two culvenn

THE DUKE MERCURY BRAVES THE PRINCE DE DOMBES

On 7th June the Duke Mercury arrived at Corlay, within three leagues of Guingcamp, where the castle was

treacherously
yielded to him, and thence the Duke sent a trumpetei to the
Pnnce de Dombes about some prisoners, who signified that he
had in charge to entreat the Prince to appoint some day and
place of battle. To this the Prince answered that it was the
most acceptable news that could be brought, for it was a thing
lie had long sought and desired He refused therefore to send
an answer by word of mouth through the trumpeter lest it